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明 細 書

1. 発明の名称

使い捨て失禁処理物品

2. 特許請求の範囲

- (1) パンツ部材とその股下区域の内面にパッド部材を狙み付けた使い捨て失禁処理物品であつて、 次の事項を含むことを特徴とするもの。
- a. 前記パンツ部材は、厚さ 0.6 ~ 6 mm の較質発泡シートの少なくとも片面に不破布を重ね合せて これらを部分的に接合した複合シートからなること、
- b. 前記パッドは、少なくとも吸液性コアとその 表面を被覆する透液性シートとからなること。
- (2) 前記パンツ部材は、ウエスト回りの両側を分離不能に接合してある特許翻求の範囲第1項記載の使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (8) 前記パンツ部材は、ウエスト回りの両側部を 分離し、その両側部にはこれを形用時に連結する ための部材を設けてある特許額束の範囲第1項記 載の使い捨て失禁処理物品。

- (4) 前記軟質発泡シートは、その気泡とは別に直径 1 ~ 10 mm の孔を開口面積比率 3 ~ 60 で設けてある特許請求の範囲第 1 項記載の使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (5) 前記複合シートは、前記数質発泡シートをその面方向へ拡張した状態で前記不疏布を接合してある特許請求の範囲第1項記載の使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (6) 前記軟質発泡シートに対する前記不職布の接合は、超音波溶器によりなしてある特許割束の範囲第1項記載の使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (7) 前記ウェスト回りの両側の接合は、超音波形 窓によりなしてある特許請求の範囲第2項記載の 使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (8) 前配複合シートは、 撥水処理 してある特許 請求の範囲第1項配取の使い捨て失禁処理物品。
- (a) 前記パンツ部材の股下区域両側または/およびウエスト回りに伸縮弾性帯域を設けてある特許 請求の範囲第1項記載の使い拾て失禁処理物品。
- 3. 発明の詳細な説明

本発明は、失禁者の使用に供する使い捨て失禁 処理物品に関する。

従来、一般に、失然には公知のおむつ、 特に使い捨ておむつが多用されているが、 かかるおむつは身体に対する適合密暦性、 層用者の運動に対応して伸縮する追随性、 通気性、 滑用 感が悪く、 しかも 満張つて体 も悪いといつ たことがあり、 そのため特に 歩行可能で外出するような失禁者には 不向きであるという欠点がある。

本発明の目的は、主として、前述のような欠点を解消することのできる新規な使い捨て失禁処理物品を提供することにある。

本発明の物品1は、第1図、第2図、第5図に示すようにベンツ部材2とその股下区域の内部は 超み付けたベッド部材3とからなる。ベンツ型に 2は、第1図に示すように予め完全なベンツ型に 形成したもの、すなわち、ウエスト回り面の優子 め分離不能に、好ましくは超音波溶滑により接合 したものと、第2図に示すようにウエスト回り数の両 個に公知の連結部材 4 、 たとえば、 基材から先端に保止機能を有する繊維状突起が多数突出したテーブ状ファスナー、 裕滑テーブ、 ボタン、 継等を設け、 これを 稲用時に 他方の ウェスト回りの 時側に固定してパンツ型に 組み立てる ものとを含む。

他とは別に多数の孔を設けることが好ましく、その大きさは発泡シート 5 を拡張する場合その率にもよるが、1 ~10mm、さらには 2 ~ 5 mm が好ましく、その朔口面積比率は 3 ~ 60 %、さらには 10 ~ 20 %が好ましい。

ペンツ部材2の股下区域両側または/およびウエスト回りには、毎1図、第2図に示すように必要に応じて伸縮弾性帯域9・10を設けることがあり、その場合には、たとえば、発泡シート5と不職布6の当該部位の間に伸張したゴム・ポリウレタンなどのリボンまたはテーブを一体的に介在させるなどの手段が採られる。

一方、パッド部材3は、銀5図に示すようにアラスチックフィルムなどの不透性シート11上に粉砕パルブなどの吸液性コア12を報増し、これを不緻布などの透液性シート13で被獲してなる。パッド部材3のパンツ部材2に対する嵌合は、接着剤、超量波溶溶、両面粘着テーブなどの手段で取扱や使用中に容易に移動不能になされる。

本発明によれば、パンツ部材2の基材である複

合シート 7 が軟質発泡シート 5 と不縁布 6 との部 分的嵌合からなり、伸縮柔軟性、通気性、肌触り など公知のおむつに比較して署しく優れるから、 所期の目的を選成することができるとともに、潜 用時の運動などによつても破損することがなく、 布製パンツとほぼ同等の機能を有する。さらにパ ッド部材3は、パンツ部材2の股下区域内面に固 定的に組み付けられるとともに、パンツ部材2の 身体に対する適合密層機能により、滑用者の設下 区域に常に固定的に当接されることになるから、 パッド配材3に排泄された体液が確れることがな い。またパンツ部材2のパッド部材3に対する組 み付け手段が両面粘滑テーブなどの剝隴可能なも のであり、しかもパンツ部材2がその溶用により 体液で汚損しないような場合には、眩パンツ部材 に新しいパッド部材3を組み付けて再使用するこ ともできる。

かよりに本発明の物品によれば、幾多の利点があり、失禁者、特に外出可能な失禁者が将用する ものとして実用に供しきわめて有益である。

4.図面の簡単な説明

第1 図は予めパンツ型に形成した本発明物品の 斜視図、第2 図は溶用時にパンツ型に租み立てる 本発明物品の展開平面図、第3 図は発泡シートの 片面に不疲布を接合して形成した複合シートの部 分射視図、第4 図は発泡シートの両面に不職布を 接合して形成した複合シートの部分斜視図、第5 図は第2 図 X — X 線断面図である。

1 . . . 物品

2・・・ペンツ部材

3...パッド部材

4 · · · 連結 部 材

5 . . . 発泡シート

7...複合シート

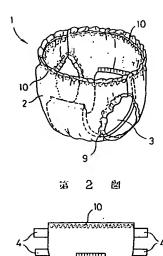
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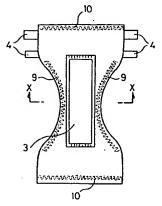
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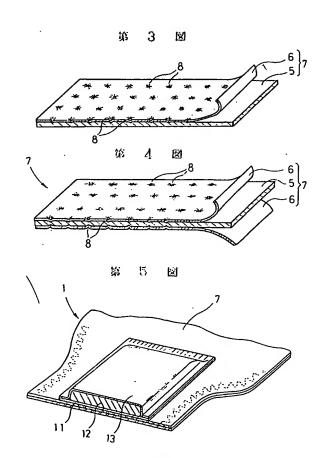
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SPECIFICATION

1. Title of the Invention

Disposable incontinence article

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- (1) Disposable incontinence article comprising a pant member, and a pad member attached to the inside face thereof in the crotch portion.
- (2) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein:

 a. said pant member comprises a composite sheet of soft, expanded sheeting 0.6 -6 mm in thickness having nonwoven fabric juxtaposed and partially bonded to at least one face
- b. said pad comprises at a minimum an absorbent core and liquid pervious sheeting covering the surface thereof.
- (3) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein said pad member separates the two side portions of the waistband, and the side portions comprise members for fastening these during wear.
 - (4) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein said soft, expanded sheeting has in addition to the cells thereof 1 -10 mm holes representing an open area of from 3 to 60%.
- 20 (5) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein said composite sheet has said soft, expanded sheeting bonded in a planar-dilated state to said nonwoven fabric.
- (6) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein bonding of said nonwoven fabric to said soft, expanded sheeting is accomplished by ultrasonic welding.
 - (7) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein bonding of said two sides of the waistband is accomplished by ultrasonic welding.
 - (8) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 2 wherein said composite sheet is water repellency treated.
 - (9) Disposable incontinence article according to claim 1 wherein said pant member has stretch elastic band zone on both sides of the crotch portion thereof and/or the waistband thereof.

3. Detailed Description of the Invention

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The present invention relates to a disposable incontinence article for use by incontinent individuals.

To date, known art diapers, and particularly disposable diapers, are widely used for incontinence, but such diapers have a number of drawbacks making them unsuited to incontinent individuals (particularly ambulatory ones), such as poor fit to the body, inability to stretch so as to conform to bodily movement of the wearer, poor breathability and comfort, bulkiness, and poor [illegible].

It is therefore a principal object of the present invention to provide a novel disposable incontinence article that overcomes the aforementioned drawbacks.

As shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 5, article 1 of the invention comprises a pant member 2 and a pad member 3 attached to the inside face thereof in the crotch portion. Pant member 2 may be provided [as an article] joined together in advance, preferably by ultrasonic welding, so as to produce a finished pant configuration, i.e. with the two sides of the waistband inseparable, as shown in Fig. 1; or with the two sides of containing unclear] the waistband separated, as shown in Fig. 2, one side of containing the waistband being provided with fastening members 4, for example, tape fasteners having a multitude of fiber-like projections with fastening function projecting from a base material, or pressure sensitive adhesive tapes, buttons, cords or similar arrangements, these being anchored to the other side of the waistband when putting the article on, to assemble it into a pant configuration.

As shown in Figs. 3 and 4, pant member 2 comprises a soft, expanded sheet 5 of polyurethane or the like, on whose inner face, outer face, or both is juxtaposed preferably "no-binder" nonwoven fabric 6 composed of hydrophilic and/or hydrophobic fibers, the two materials being spot bonded together, preferably by ultrasonic welding, the bonded portions being indicated by symbols 8. To enhance the stretch properties of composite sheet 7 it is preferable for expanded sheet 5 to be dilated in one or both directions when juxtaposed to and unified with nonwoven fabric 6; leak resistance against bodily fluids may

be enhanced through optional treatment with a known art water repellent, such as a silicone based product. At a minimum it will be sufficient to treat the nonwoven fabric 6; where nonwoven fabric 6 is already composed of hydrophobic fibers, [treatment] will not be necessary. In preferred practice, expanded sheet 5 is provided with a multitude of holes, separate from the cells [in the material], the size of which will differ with the extent [of dilatation] where the expanded sheet 5 is dilated, but is generally from 1 to 10 mm, preferably 2 to 5 mm, with the open area thereof being from 3 to 60%, preferably 10 to 20%.

Optionally, stretch elastic band zones 9, 10 may be provided on both sides of the crotch portion and/or the waistband of pant member 2 as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, which may be accomplished, for example, by integrally interposing ribbon or tape of rubber, polyurethane etc. between the expanded sheet 5 and the corresponding portions of the nonwoven fabric 6.

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Pad member 3, on the other hand, is composed of an absorbent core 12 of milled pulp or similar material stacked on a liquid impervious sheet 11 of plastic film or other such material, and covered with a liquid pervious sheet 13 of nonwoven fabric or the like, as shown in Fig. 5. Bonding of pad member 3 to pant member 2 may be accomplished by means such as adhesives, ultrasonic welding, double-sided pressure sensitive tape or the like, to readily render it immobile during handling and use.

According to the present invention, the composite sheet 7 which is the base material of the pant member 2 is produced by partial bonding of soft, expanded sheet 5 and nonwoven fabric 6, and is therefore markedly superior to known diapers in terms of stretch pliability, breathability and feel to the skin. These objectives are achieved without the risk of rupture due to movement during wear, providing functionality similar to that of cloth pants. Additionally, the pad member 3, by virtue of secure attachment to the inside face of the pant member 2 in the crotch portion, as well as the close fit of the pant member 2 to the body, is maintained in fixed contact with the crotch area of the wearer, so that excreted liquid does not leak from the pad member 3. The means for attaching the pant member 2 to the pad member 3 is double-sided pressure sensitive tape or other such

releasable means, and as long as the pant member 2 has not been soiled by liquid in the course of wear, a new pad 3 may be attached to the pant member, allowing it to be reused.

The article of the invention set forth herein affords a number of advantages, making it advantageous for wear by incontinent individuals, particularly ambulatory incontinent individuals.

4. Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of an article of the invention preformed into a pant configuration; Fig. 2 is a development plan view of an article of the invention for assembly into a pant configuration; Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a composite sheet comprising nonwoven fabric bonded to one side of an expanded sheet; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of a composite sheet comprising nonwoven fabric bonded to both sides of an expanded sheet; and Fig. 5 is a sectional view taken along line X-X in Fig. 2.

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2: pant member

3 ... pad member

4: fastening members

5: expanded sheet

6: nonwoven fabric

7: composite sheet

8: bonded portions

9, 10: stretch elastic band zones

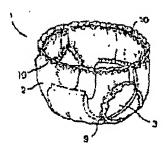
ones 11: liquid impervious sheet

15 12: absorbent core

14: liquid pervious sheet

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Fig. 1



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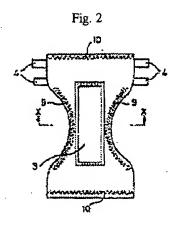


Fig. 3

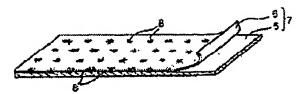


Fig. 4

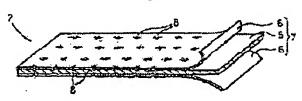
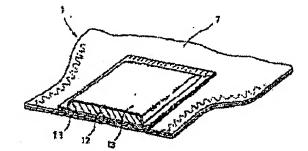


Fig. 5

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